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SUBJECT: INJECTION OF ISRAELI CITRUS WITH MERCURY

SUMMARY: FRG REACTION TO THE MERCURY INJECTION OF JAFFA CITRUS FRUIT HAS BEEN MODERATE, IN THE HOPE OF AVOIDING PANIC AND DISRUPTION OF TRADE. FEDMINHEALTH HAS LIMITED RECOMMENDATIONS TO LAND (STATE) MINISTRIES OF HEALTH TO INCREASING THE INSPECTION AND SAMPLING OF CITRUS TO IMPROVE CHANCES OF FINDING CONTAMINATED MERCHANDISE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE GERMAN PUBLIC WAS MADE AWARE OF THE INJECTION OF SOME JAFFA ORANGES WITH MERCURY ON FEB.1. CONTAMINATED ORANGES HAD FIRST BEEN DISCOVERED IN THE NETHERLANDS, AND THEN IN DARMSTADT AND FRANKFURT, GERMANY. FEDMIN HEALTH HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM A GROUP CALLED ARAB REVOLUTIONARY ARMY PALESTINE COMMAND WHICH STATED THAT FRUIT WAS CONTAMINATED TO ACHIEVE POLITICAL GOALS.

2. FEDMINHEALTH HAS ADVISED THE STATE HEALTH MINISTRIES TO THOROUGHLY SAMPLE ISRAELI CITRUS, BUT HAS NOT RECOMMENDED IMPORT OR SALES BAN. HIGH FEDMINHEALTH OFFICIAL STATED PUBLICLY THAT SALES BAN WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY. SOME STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ISSUED UNCLASSIFIED

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SALES BANS BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT MOST OF THESE BANS HAVE ALREADY BEEN OR ARE TO BE SHORTLY LIFTED.

3. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTS OF SPANISH ORANGES CONTAMINATED WITH MERCURY IN BOTH FRG AND NETHERLANDS. BASED ON THESE REPORTS, THE PREVAILING VIEW HERE IS THAT THE INJECTION TOOK PLACE IN EUROPEAN PORTS AND

NOT IN ISRAEL. THE ISRAELI AGATTACHE INDICATED THEY
HAD NARROWED THE ACTION DOWN TO THE ROTTERDAM PORT
AND TO RELATIVELY SMALL QUANTITIES.
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